



St. Francis Primary School

P.6 Newsletter

January - March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.6's January Newsletter.

We have hit the ground running and are keen to embrace all the challenges of Primary 6. The children will continue to use the same jotter for class work as well as homework. I believe this provides the children with an opportunity to share their learning as well as being a prompt for homework tasks. Homework will always be a continuation of work that has been taught in class. This allows your child to deepen their understanding. Please feel free to add an encouraging comment in their jotters. As always, if your child is struggling with a homework task, please stop the activity and I will readdress the teaching points in the classroom.

Language

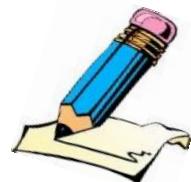
We will continue to develop our reading skills using a variety of reading material across the curriculum.

Children will continue to use the new Bug Club reading scheme. Please encourage your child to read at home for pleasure to further develop their reading skills and vocabulary.

Writing skills will be developed through the North Lanarkshire Writing Programme.

The main focus will be:

- Punctuating passages - direct speech
- Homophones, past and present future and adverbs
- Uplifting sentences
- Use of the apostrophe to show possession and contractions



V - vocabulary

C - connectives

O - openers

P - punctuation

Maths

We are continuing to work with Time and in particular, durations. Here the children are mentally calculating how journeys, TV programmes last. It would be wonderful if you could continue this at home. The children will show you our 3 step approach. We will also be revisiting 12hr and 24hr time as well as different time zones. Again, if you could reinforce this at home, this would be much appreciated.

The children worked very hard learning all about decimals before Christmas. We will continue to revisit this in both our classwork and homework. This ensures that the children have a deeper level of understanding which allows them to retain all they have learned.





Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) - Europe

We will learn about Europe and exploring the different cultures of the European countries. We will be able to match countries with their capitals and identify currencies and flags. We will compare the diets of the Spanish, French and Germans to name only a few, with what we eat in Scotland. We will also learn about different artists and football teams within Europe. We will have a personal project to do on our chosen European country. This will be issued soon and we will have weeks to complete.

We will also learn about the European Union, which countries are members and what this entails, including looking at the 'Brexit' vote. The children will also prepare to take part in the "Euroquiz".

Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes which will enable them to make healthy choices in life. We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

In term 3 we will continue to develop skills in rebound games. We will also do some Scottish Country Dancing!

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Monday & Thursday**.

During term 3 the focus will be on

- *Rights and Responsibilities*
- *Making healthy choices - medicines/drugs - developing the children's understanding of good/bad use of medicine (age appropriate) smoking and healthy food choices.*
- *Oral Health.*



- *PATHs*

R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.6 will follow the '*This Is Our Faith*' syllabus.

This term children will also focus on **Lent** and preparations for **Easter**. We will explore the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The children will learn about the Stations of the Cross.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

We will also be looking at the Pope Francis Faith Award and how we can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

We will also be revising and learning a variety of new hymns.

